

# The Sussex Angler



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# Welcome to The Sussex Angler

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Last year our Chairman Nigel Chapman opened his welcome message with the words "Despite some of the worst weather on record and our rivers repeatedly bursting over their banks" well over this year's festive period I can safely say we made last year's bad weather look pretty ordinary by comparison. But that's not to say we have not enjoyed some really good fishing throughout the season, the barbel seem to confound us, one minute they are being caught from the Arun and then seem to disappear for a couple of months but turn up in larger quantities and size from lesser known swims in the Rother. They are of course still in both rivers but like to tease those anglers who are hoping to beat that magic twenty one pounder.

The club continued to put a great deal of effort and hard work in to keep all our fisheries in good condition and provide a wide range of angling opportunities. Hurston Lane Fishery has been re-stocked and all three ponds offer good fishing, a new car park has been laid and work is in hand to provide more swim platforms on the match lake. Likewise Stemps and Cart is a excellent fishery due to our management team led by Ray Huskisson and Nelson Keet, they continue to need help with work parties so a big thanks to those who lend a hand. Our team of bailiffs continue to grow, if you think you would like to become a bailiff let us know.

Take a look at pages 4 and 5 which give a snapshot of the

work that was carried out last year and gives dates for this year if you would like to get involved

Most of those who fish our rivers are aware that a new Riffle on the Rother was completed downstream from Shopham Bridge this together with a fish refuge and new gravel bases on both the Burton Mill and Sutton streams should encourage fish spawning away from the main river flow. This came about and was publicly funded by way of the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust in co-operation with the Wild Trout Trust, the Environment Agency, landowners and farmers. Although this did disrupt fishing whilst the work was carried out throughout the summer we managed to keep it to a minimum.

The benefits to our club will hopefully evolve over time, the next move is to restore and establish our riverside tree's where so many have been lost to disease, it's all work in hand.

At our annual AGM (and by the way many thanks to the large number who turned up) our Chairman Nigel Chapman stood down seven years after the formation of the club, he was of course Chairman of the Bognor club before that. He takes with him the gratitude not only of the committee but all our members, a presentation of a framed barbel print was made to him on behalf of the club by Norman Thomas our President. It hangs in Nigel's lounge as a reminder of those many hours in anticipation that only a



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specimen angler experiences.

Never volunteer was something servicemen quickly learnt, why didn't I? So here I am as your new Chairman and lots to learn and thankfully I can rely on a strong committee and a good team of bailiffs. We need to bring new young blood to take up fishing and join our club and perhaps all of you can help, there are Dads and Granddads out there, we have membership packages to encourage families and youngsters, so spread the word and get them away from their computers and show them how to fish.

I am hopeful and with a lot of effort that we can continue to grow our membership numbers, this way we can remain one of the best fishing clubs in Sussex and continue to offer fantastic value for money.

Turning to this issue I see that we have the start of an interesting article on fishing the Rother at Fittleworth in our 'In Depth' series and I look forward to this continuing in the next issue.

Nigel has given us another of his 'From The Rod Room' series, this long established set of articles never fail to entertain and inform.

It's good to see that we have re-instated the match review as I know that many enjoy reading these and matchmen just love to see their names in print.

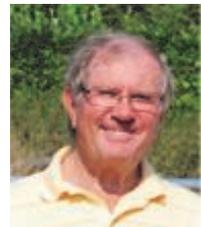
Tim has given us a taste of what new stuff we can expect to see in the tackle shops, we must remember to continue to support the local tackle trade as they

have supported us as a club and I would like to welcome SAS Chichester to our group.

We have some further extracts from the diaries of Reginald Addison which have only previously been published on the website. These diaries go back from 1924 and run through to 1990 and apart from a couple of gaps record every fishing trip this gentleman made, they make interesting and inspiring reading and I hope that we can continue to create articles from them. It is really interesting that these articles came about from his brother and niece seeing the old photographs from Ray Newnham in the last issue.

By the way you can view all the old issues of the magazine and our newsletters on the website. Oh, and while I think about it a big thanks to Les Heath our webmaster for creating the best angling club website I have seen - check it out [www.sussexangling.co.uk](http://www.sussexangling.co.uk).

Here's wishing you a good angling season and once again thanks for your support.



Roger Poole - Chairman



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# Fishery Improvements

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**A lot of work has gone on over the last year, particularly at Hurston Lane, but as ever there is still plenty to do.**

Last year we did our annual cut of the island on the match pond at Hurston Lane and installed a number of platforms on both the match pond and the tench pond. The car park was extended and levelled out

The weed cut on the carp pond took place in June and although we are having to pay for this to be done each year we are definitely seeing an overall reduction in the weed growth and if we keep at it for another couple of years we will probably get the weed down to acceptable levels all year round. We are looking at the possibility of introducing some shading material on the bottom of the pond to further inhibit weed growth. This is at the early stages at the moment but watch this space.

We have three work parties planned for March and April at Hurston when we intend to install some further platforms, give the island its usual trim and remove the old notice board and re-site a new one. We are also looking at some better level control and water flow through the ponds.



**Weed cutting**



**Improved car park at Hurston**



**Platform building team in action**



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# The Fisheries Team

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At Walberton as well the normal trimming and mowing we have built a number of new platforms as well as having to make substantial repairs on others where they have been damaged by unthinking anglers prising up the boards or driving bank sticks into them.

There were two special projects that we worked on at Walberton

1. A substantial trim of the island in Cart to help stabilise it. We have noted that there are now passages running right under the island and we will have to do some re-building in the not to distant future, this was touched upon in the last magazine.
2. We successfully repaired the leak on Cart pond adjacent to the stream and water levels have now returned to normal.

There is one work party scheduled for Walberton at the beginning of June.

If you would like to get involved in work parties or would like to be considered as a bailiff please contact Nelson or Mick on the numbers below.

## Scheduled Work Parties for 2014

Date	When	Venue	Main Tasks
23/03/2014	Sunday	Hurston	General Maintenance
06/04/2014	Sunday	Hurston	General Maintenance
13/04/2014	Sunday	Coultershaw	General Maintenance
27/04/2014	Sunday	Bethwins	General Maintenance
10/05/2014	Monday	Hurston	Weed Clearing
08/06/2014	Sunday	Stemps	General Maintenance
22/07/2014	Tuesday	Hurston	General Maintenance
19/08/2014	Tuesday	Hurston	General Maintenance

Sunday work parties start at 08.30 and run to around midday - we normally try to provide a sausage sandwich or similar.

Weekday work parties start at 17.30 and normally run to 21.00.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Nelson on **07944 539077** or Mick on **01243 603783**.

We also have occasional extra work parties, so please keep an eye on the website and look out for notices in the **Arun Angling** shop.



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# Tales from the Rod Room

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## **Nigel tell us about how he started carp fishing**

Having recently passed the milestone of becoming 60 I have found myself reflecting over my lifetime of being a fisherman, certainly more than 50 years. My mind has often pondered the changes in my own angling and how differently we go about our fishing these days and indeed how enormously angling has changed.

By the mid to late 1960's I had along with some of my friends read Richard Walker's inspirational book 'Stillwater Angling' and we had quickly become obsessed with the idea of catching carp of the huge size that Walker wrote about so brilliantly in his book. It was never going to be anywhere near as easy as we imagined that it might be, it was far easier to read about them, but we were fishing for big carp, if not actually catching any monsters, this type of fishing quickly became an obsession that dominated our lives and minds. Angling to us had become a great adventure. I have been looking through my old angling diaries to remind me what life was like as a young angler in those days. We had become carp anglers. It was in the spring 1967 that my old angling diary tells me I actually caught my first carp, a tiny common from a local pond of less than two acres.

In those days rods and indeed all tackle was far less sophisticated than it has now become, there was very little specialist tackle to choose from. If the tackle was somewhat lacking in those days the fishing was, to us, intense and exciting, almost everywhere we fished the locals captured our imagination with their stories of uncaught legendary monsters living silently and unseen in the depths of the local ponds and lakes. These were stories of the unknown that captured our imagination, inspiring us to fish on through countless long dark and often cold and wet nights in the hope of catching one of these legendary monsters. The fish that we did catch in those days were often relatively small and to catch a carp of anything over ten pounds was cause for real excitement. Our baits were relatively simple, bread crust, lobworms or cat food which we made into a paste by adding curry powder for a strong flavour that helped the feeding carp to find it along with corn flour that helped bind the paste together proved to be very effective.

We spent days and travelled miles with ordnance survey maps scouring the local countryside on the lookout for any new waters to fish always hoping to find a water full of monster carp. Then, one day in the summer of 1970 we came across a lovely secluded woodland pond of perhaps two acres. We asked for permission to fish the water from the owner who, to our delight, agreed and we felt that for the very first time we may soon be catching real giants. My 40 odd year old diary tells me that it wasn't long before we actually caught some carp but no



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# By Nigel Chapman

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fish of any real size came to us with an average weight of perhaps only eight or so pounds, we fished on at the pond until the autumn, and the onset of cooler weather and shorter autumn days with falling leaves slowed the fishing to a virtual standstill. The disappointment made us call an end to our search for a monster carp for that year. The start of the new season in the following June had us back on the bank of our pond again with renewed enthusiasm certain that we would soon break our run of failures to catch a very big carp.

**Here I am at 17 / 18 with a few carp, this is the sort of size that we caught then, I couldn't ever get anything bigger.**

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# Tales from the Rod Room cont.

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Things started to look better that June as my fishing pal Graham and myself soon both caught our biggest ever fish at 16 and 18 lbs. We had set ourselves a target of trying to catch a twenty pound carp each that season but those two carp that we caught earlier in the season remained our personal bests for a couple more years. It had gradually become clear to us that the waters that we could fish did not contain carp of anywhere near the size of the fish that we so keenly sought. We had in reality caught the biggest fish in the pond already.

The changes in angling over my angling lifetime have been remarkable, particularly with the size of fish that are available to anglers nowadays' many waters are now' and have been for many years' stocked by clubs with specimen fish and waters holding specimen fish, particularly carp are relatively common and well known. Indeed a trip into almost any tackle shop could provide you with all the information that you would need to catch huge fish like we dreamt of catching all those years ago, when as youngsters, we were inspired by Richard Walker's writings to fish for those 'monsters'. These were great days and great times that inspired myself and my friends to find the excitement in fishing, something that is still there in me whenever I go fishing, even after all these years.



Quite a few years on and it goes to show that the big fish do come eventually to those that persevere



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# Life Membership

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**At our AGM in November 2013 we were asked to consider whether the club could offer a Life Membership.**

We are pleased to announce that the club are now able to offer a Life Membership programme and initially we will be running this over the next two membership seasons.

Unfortunately for tax reasons we need to limit the number of Life Memberships to 20 per year and these will be offered on a strictly first come first serve basis.

The cost of a Life Membership has been set at **£1350** for this season and this will be reviewed alongside all other membership categories for next season.

Applications for Life Membership may be made on your standard membership form **but must be made directly to the Membership Secretary.** This can be done either by post to

Membership Secretary  
The Old Blacksmiths Yard  
Water Lane  
Angmering  
West Sussex  
BN16 4EP

or by taking your form to the Arun Angling shop in Angmering.

Unfortunately we will not be able to offer our normal instant membership service if you apply directly at Arun Angling so please allow 5 working days for us to process your application.

## **As a Member what's in it for me?**

Life Membership would not give any extra rights nor any extra entitlements apart from the member not having to pay for membership again for as long as the member shall live and the club exists.

Life Memberships are not transferable

**If you require further information you can e-mail the Membership Secretary with your questions at [membership@sussexangling.co.uk](mailto:membership@sussexangling.co.uk) Or telephone the Secretary on **01243 583179****



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# Books and DVD's

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**With the recent weather curtailing opportunities to get out fishing I often turn to my bookshelves and DVD player**

I suppose most of us anglers have collected over the years a harvest of books all of which we read with a touch of jealousy and envy creeping in when read the exploits of those fortunate enough to have journeyed the length and breadth of the country and laid before us in print and picture the fruits of their endeavours. Publishing advances have often allowed them the time to fish waters many of us dream about so failure of successes must hang heavily over these dedicated experts who fear a blank day probably more than us.

I think I can safely say a majority of us of a certain age were spellbound by Mr Crabtree Goes Fishing, I certainly was and it fuelled my early days passion to fish a local pond, now sadly built over, with regular trips to the Thames at Kingston.

Bernard Venables wrote quite a number of other books one of which is "Angling Waters" which was published in 1954, I have a copy and turning to page 30 I see a chapter aptly headed Sussex Waters but a closer glance of his illustration I realise whilst named The Rother at Patworth is a printing mistake for Petworth, it is in fact the Shopham end of the loop from Coultershaw, the bridge joins the



south bank to inside the loop and is still in use today, it crosses the lower end of the canal section and for those who fish this spot you can see the remains of the concrete base of the bridge which allowed the horses to cross the river when towing barges . The remains of the oak tree, now sadly fallen, were still there last year. Bernard Venables lived in Sussex for a number of years and whilst he writes much about the counties lakes and ponds he praises the Arun and our western Rother pointing out it runs through some of the most beautiful countryside and mentions that a chub, had it been verified would have established in those days a new record, it weighed eight and a half pounds, in fact the Rother did actually hold the British record chub in the nineteen fifties although I am not aware of what it weighed.

I am currently reading Bernard Venables autobiography The Stream of Life, born in 1907 he was a journalist who worked for the Daily Mirror, the Express and Sunday Times before starting the Angling Times, a lifelong writer and painter he is probably one of the old school where methods and tackle are so very different to what we have today.

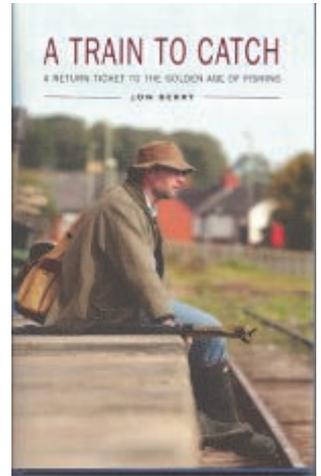


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# By Roger Poole

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A few years ago at one of our angling evenings we were fortunate enough to have Jon Berry along to talk to us about barbel fishing, he wrote a very successful book "A Can of Worms" and recently published "A Train to Catch", now this latest book takes us back to the days when anglers from our cities escaped to the river by train, these trains specialised and recognised that large numbers of anglers both coarse and game variety used the railway both to local and far flung lakes and rivers throughout the country, even useful guide books were published by the railway companies. In his book Jon retraces where possible the same routes using today's trains, but how sad so many of our minor routes were lost to Dr Beeching. Train lines linked lots of small stations and whilst they follow river valleys you can't help wondering how many anglers used the route that crossed the county from Midhurst through to Petworth whose station whilst conveniently very close to the Rother was at least three miles south of the town, the railway then followed the river with a halt just to the south of Fittleworth Bridge and then eastward to Pulborough. Jon fished at Shopham when we were part of the Alliance and I have invited him back on a guest ticket, he was certainly full of praise for our club and in particular our web-site.



Harping back to Mr Crabtree, who showed how to fish the famous Hampshire Avon, only an hour and a half from my home, so when Paul Witcher, who also manufactured now highly prized fishing reels, started his film company and produced a DVD called "Four Seasons on the Hampshire Avon" I had to have it as it featured the late John Searl. Recently Paul Witcher Productions released their latest DVD "Magical Waters" which features Dave Steuart together with many angling friends of John who I had the pleasure of meeting on several occasions mainly in his shop at Ringwood but a couple of times on the river. A master angler who stalked his fish, this double DVD is a real tribute to him. He kindly signed a couple of his books for me "A Brush with the Avon" and his last book "Chalk Stream Roach" if any of you have the chance to buy these books then I highly recommend them.

This edition of our newsletter contains more from the Addison Diaries a historic and nostalgic trip back in time, you wonder was it so much better then ? were there more fish in our rivers and lakes? but do we all fall into the same trap and are just a guilty when we say - well back in my days, perhaps we should concentrate on today's angling and look ahead, certainly we will have to do everything to protect our lovely rivers, lakes and ponds, and a good read certainly keeps our enthusiasm alive.



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# In Depth - Fittleworth part 1

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**Another in our series where we ask an angler to focus on one of our venues**

This is the stretch of the Rother that I always tend to gravitate to although I have had good days on both Shopham and Coultershaw as a first choice I will go to Fittleworth.

For part one I am going to work my way down from the bridge into the first field. I almost always fish from the north bank so the swim descriptions here are all from the north bank perspective, although of course we do have both banks available. I think one of the funniest stories I heard about the south bank was one summer's day when Dale (mac) McCavish almost trod on a courting couple in the long grass whilst walking down to find a swim!

The swims immediately below the bridge have always been popular and a light stick float down the middle or a small waggler down the far bank have the favoured tactic. Roy Baker and John Williams have had particular success along here. John likes these pegs as they are the closest to The Swan and has been seen on more than one occasion with a pint on his bait tray - and I don't mean maggots!

Below this we have the swim known as 'The Throat' the river narrows for a short section and then opens out again. The place to fish from is where it just widens. This is a particular summer evening favourite of mine. Trotting down the middle with a stick float and regularly loose feeding a few maggots and some hemp. Normally I start with a few dace and roach with perhaps the odd gudgeon and minnow as the light begins to fade then is the time to expect a chub and if I'm lucky maybe even two or three.

A little further down, we have an interesting looking swim with a far bank tree partially in the water and then just down from this, one on the near bank. The picture to the right was taken looking downstream to the nearside tree. This peg offers all sorts of interesting opportunities particularly to the chub angler as they can be enticed out from under either tree. It is one of those swims where you



can get a fish from the first tree, give it a rest while you try the second tree, hopefully get one from there and then back to the first tree for another!



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# By Steve Simmonds

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There are a couple of other interesting swims on the way down to the compound. In the compound itself the swim opposite the depth gauge is a good trotting peg although you have to be a bit careful of the cable. As you go out of the compound just before the cattle drink there is a lovely spot not only for the view but also for long trotting. Now I can't say that you are going to catch anything substantial from this swim I have not had anything larger than a 4oz dace and I have probably caught more minnows from this swim than anywhere else on Fittleworth! But if you want to perfect your float control techniques there is nowhere better.



**The 'Minnow' Swim'**

The next swim of note is the old peg 37, just before the fence, you might just be able to find the old number on the tree there - I have to confess I've not looked for it recently but it was there a few years back. I think I made my club reputation in this peg many years back one very cold November match, while walking down into the swim I hadn't realised that the grass was overlaying the water and walked straight into 5 foot of extremely cold water. I seem to recall that when he had eventually stopped laughing Phil Tubb gave me a hand out. Anyway I stayed on and managed to get a chub out which made it all worth while! I have fished this peg on a number of occasions and have fairly consistently caught chub on a small maggot feeder casting downstream to the middle of the river where the stream comes in and this is one of the few swims on Fittleworth where I have caught grayling.

Just over the fence is probably my second favourite swim on this stretch of Fittleworth. The bank is quite high and seems to be a particularly fertile place for stinging nettles, but you can beat these down and get reasonably close to the river.

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# In depth continued

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The water here is deep with about 8 feet or so down the middle. In the summer this is my hemp and tares swim trotting down that middle line. Although the fish start quite a way down towards the bend if you get the feeding right you can gradually pull them up to just in front of you and start catching them on the drop. The normal stamp of fish are not huge standard Rother sized roach and dace but there is also the chance of a decent chub. Interestingly I remember once when we fished the river when it was rising Keith Hughes ended up in this swim and opted for a feeder approach and on a day when most of us struggled he had some good eels and bream from here.



The next swim is the cattle drink on the bend with shallow water on the inside but a deep glide along the far bank with a good overhanging tree. Some elect to fish from the cattle drink whilst others favour the top of the bank as this gives you a bit more water downstream. I have to say that I have never had that much success from this swim but equally I have never really put that much time into it. One to

## The 'Cattle Drink' Swim

look at more for the future.

The final swim for part 1 was made memorable for me by John Campbell an angler from the Stedham club in an RVS match probably ten years ago now. The river turn through 180 degrees in this field so that at either end you can have anglers sitting with their backs to each other. Right at the end of the bend there are a couple of overhanging trees and the river narrows considerably. From this point John fished the pole and proceeded to catch roach and dace all day ending up with a weight well into double figures. Not big fish but absolutely loads of them, I don't think anyone has quite repeated this but many anglers have had a good day from this swim. I have only fished it a couple of times myself and not being particularly adept with a pole I don't think I got the presentation quite as John had it but I've still managed a couple of RVS section wins and a couple of small chub from the swim



# Flotation Clothing / Buoyancy Aids

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## A very quick review which is by no means comprehensive

Safety while fishing is paramount and we recommend in the handbook that you consider some sort of flotation clothing particularly if you are fishing our rivers which are very fast flowing and quite deep in places.

There are obviously quite a lot of options available but it is important that you have something that you find comfortable and does not restrict movement, as this will encourage regular wear.

I have had a quick look around at what is available and offer a few suggestions below. Please note that this is not an endorsement or recommendation for the particular models I have found but just an indication of what is available. Our local tackle shops will no doubt be able to help and if you are seriously thinking of purchasing drop in and see them and I'm sure they will kit you out.



I found three basic types available from a very simple buoyancy aid pictured left. These start at around £30 and although they are more designed for boat use they should provide an angler with sufficient buoyancy for them to get out of trouble.

The flotation jacket to the right is certified to EN393. There is also a full suit available or it can be teamed with a matching Bib and brace. Prices start at around £70



Finally the most sophisticated and pricey are the inflatable waistcoats as the example to the left. You can have either manually inflated (you pull the cord on the right) or automatically inflated (the jacket senses when it is immersed). Except to pay well in excess of £100 and remember that if used the inflation system requires recharging and recharges cost around £20 each.



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# Diary entries for Summer 1975

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## July 6th Sunday Coultershaw Mill, River Rother Petworth

Bill had to go out and I came here to collect our tickets and meet Ted and Geoffrey. Another baking hot sunny day with a NE wind. I found the river rather shallow and fast and quite a bit coloured, but one of the local anglers told me that it was clear yesterday, as perhaps some gates had been opened. Very little weed in evidence for the second year running. Learned the Chichester Club had outbid us and taken the south bank from Shopham to Fittleworth including the canal and south bank of the old channel and we only have the north bank now. It's not very satisfactory for two clubs to have opposite banks of a narrow river. **(note: this has obviously now changed as we have both north and south banks)**

Also heard there are some carp in the mill pool. I began by the cow drink No. 1 peg and soon began getting bites on breadcrumb, but was unable to hook anything for half an hour when I got a dace. By the time Ted and Geoffrey arrived at 1.30 (I got here at 11.15) I only had three and the bites had ceased. They then went off to Shopham to fish the old channel while I had my lunch before starting again when I



**Cattle Drink Swim at Coultershaw**

immediately got another dace. However that was the lot and at about 5 o' clock I moved upstream to where the two streams join as it looked promising **(note: cover picture)** But it was 7.30 before I thought I had a bite and a few casts later I got a dace. Five others followed in the next half hour, all hooked well inside the mouth, which usually happens when they are feeding on bread cubes. Then they ceased and I could get no more bites and packed up at 9.

I saw a wild mink swimming and working upstream quite a long way, looking rather peculiar until it crossed to my side when I saw that it was carrying a bird nearly as large as itself by the head. The bird of course was floating while the mink swam submerged, which accounted for its bloated look.

Geoffrey got 2 grayling about 8" Ted none.

The bailiff said a 1lb perch had been taken on a minnow as well as a chub and someone had hooked a sea trout. I was not bothered by minnows at all.



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# Reginald Addison

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**August 24th Sunday    Shopham downstream on north bank**

The drop of rain in the night cleared and it was a beautiful day again, so we had a change of scene . We went down to the S bend and Bill fished the curve, while I went to the straight just past the second bend. It was a little while before I had a bite and it was only a 2" gudgeon which I killed as a dead bait for eels. Then I had a larger gudgeon and a 7" dace the latter was a stray! I continued to get gudgeon all day and finished with 36, plus half a dozen very small dace and a 7" perch, mostly on maggot or caster. Bill got two perch, half a dozen similar small dace and a few gudgeon. It was not a spectacular catch, but the surrounding were very pleasant with flower covered banks and clear weedy water and the float went down often enough to give hope. In the evening I got a nice eel just under 1lb on the gudgeon.

Saw a cormorant fly up and also a mink along the bank - both would account for lots of fish. The mink was also spotted by a swan, who turned and hissed furiously. We fished until 7.45 but saw no sign of a decent fish



**Aerial view of the Rother at Shopham I wonder exactly where they fished?**

## Editors Note

These are just two short extracts from an amazing collection of diaries that have been lent to the club by Reginald's niece Joan, who, up until last year would accompany her father Ted on his fishing trips. Sadly Ted died in October but Joan has said that she will continue her associate membership so that she can continue to walk the waters that her father and uncle fished for well in excess of 50 years.



# Tackle News

## Tim reviews what's new in the tackle and bait world

One for the serious big water carp angler.

The benchmark for carp fishing reels has just been raised!

Every single component in the Aero Technium 12000 Mgs XTB incorporates the best technology available.

Super slow 2 speed oscillation lays line unbelievably close to the next, ensuring that the line leaves the spool with minimum friction, adding yards to any cast.

A silky smooth, fast adjustment drag combined with Baitrunner Spool II, 9 shielded Anti-Rust bearings, a one piece bail arm equipped with a slim profile folding handle, which when paired with the X-Ship cold forged gearing, delivers unrivalled winding power.

An understated matt black finish really makes this reel stand out from the competition, but the biggest feature of this reel is the weight, or the lack of it.... Everything has been reduced in weight so that maximum power can be converted to the cast.



Pole rollers have been a variation of the same concept for decades. The MAP Flat V double pole roller offers genuine innovation and eliminates most of the problems associated with current pole roller designs.

Its design means that pole breakages are no longer an issue, thanks to the ultra large leg footprint, which keeps the roller ultrastable with protective end caps on the side rollers. The unique design keeps the pole central when shipping and the three way extending

legs give it extra height when required. This lightweight roller also features a rapid assembly, quicklock leg design and is supplied in a deluxe carry bag. This pole roller offers all the best features and innovation required to make it easy to use, but also provides the best possible protection for your pole.



# By Tim Nudds



A neat range of waterproof products that have been designed to make sure that transporting and using your bait is made much easier. Each product is perfectly sized and manufactured from EVA to ensure that your bait remains dry during wet conditions, but easy to clean after use. A must for any angler!

The latest flavour craze is Krill, it is popping up in everyone's bait offering at the moment. The Sticky range of bait products have Krill in just about any form you could wish for including pellets, hooker pellets, dumb bells, boilies, ground bait and liquid to name just some of the range.



Not new and almost too good to actually fish with but I thought that I would mention them.

We have a range of hand made floats from Richard Fox, beautifully crafted from traditional materials to traditional designs these are really stunning whether you keep them in a display cabinet or actually take them to the waterside.



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# Match Scene

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## Our Match Secretary gives an update on what is happening at the matches

We are now moving into the last third of what has been a difficult match season, mainly caused by the weather. A prolonged cold spring, which delayed the fish spawning, particularly affecting the results at Petworth Park, was then followed by a summer of high temperatures with little rain. Now we are in a period of heavy rainfall but fortunately it is mild for this time of year.

The season started off at Hurston on the match lake at Hurston with Steve Speller continuing his last year's success at this venue winning with a bag of carp. This year we did not have an evening canal series instead switching to a 3 match series at Hurston. Starting on the Tench pond a very close match was won by Dave Herbert with everyone catching tench and rudd and even an odd bream. The second match was scheduled for the Carp pond but unfortunately the weed growth did not allow sufficient fishable swims and the match was switched to the Match pond. The two matches on the Match pond were won by Vince Herringshaw and Steve Hanson respectively both with double figure catches of carp. Overall this was a very close series with Vinny Collier and Vince Herringshaw having the same number of points with Vince winning the series with the heavier total weight.

In the evening river series we struggled with low water levels and a noticeable lack of sizeable chub, which have won the matches in previous years. It was good to see Steve Simmonds at these matches as previously his work commitments had prevented him attending. Vince Herringshaw again showed his consistency and versatility being placed in all the matches to win the series overall.

The matchmen struggled at Petworth Park with a gale and the hottest day of the year amongst other things. Weights were lower than in previous years with the roadside swims producing the majority of the winning catches although



**Ray with a winning Arun net**



# By Mick Greenway

Vince did have a superb catch of tench, bream and carp fishing behind the first island. Interestingly he fished this swim in a later match and struggled to catch. We had a rare appearance of Phil Tubb who was water licked on this occasion but showed his prowess easily winning the Committee cup at Bernies with a fine catch of carp.

Matches at Bethwins produced the expected carp on the lower lake but the perch, we normally see, were noticeable by their absence. This may be due to them being pre-occupied with the large number of tadpoles that always seem to be present.

Attendances were lower than normal for the Chichester canal series with the four matches reduced to three as the last match was abandoned as the canal was very clear and no boats were scheduled to run. The services of the boat were also required in the previous match to enable everyone to catch. In a closely run series Vince again showed consistency with his whip and bread punch to win the series from Keith Hughes

Two rounds of the series on the Arun at Watersfield have been fished with some good bags of silverfish. Unfortunately this was not the case with the match on the Rother at Coultershaw, which was won with two chub but catches rapidly dropped to a single roach and then minnows.

The pole only series on Stemps and Cart was won by long serving matchman, John Williams. Stemps again showed what a consistent water it is, even if you are not on a carp peg

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Current Points Table	Vince Herringshaw	Keith Hughes	Mick Greenway
Clubman (points)	147 (16)	104 (13)	131 (16)
Matchman (points)	624	408	394
Weight (pounds)	127-14-12	84-15-4	74-8-4



# Match Scene continued

## TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2012 - 2013 SEASON

Trophy	Name	Venue	Weight	Points
Pibworth Cup	John Williams	Hurston Match	17-9-0	10
M Sampson Cup	Keith Hughes	Chichester Canal	10-15-8	26
BBQ Shield	Keith Hughes	Stemps and Cart		10
Caine Cup	Vince Herringshaw	Petworth Park	15-10-0	14
Ransome Cup	Vince Herringshaw	Hurston Match	19-14-8	10
W. Sampson	Steve Hanson	Hurston Match	18-4-4	10
Kingsbury Tankard	Steve Hanson	Stemps	3-11-0	10
Charles Tankard	Alan Herbert	Billhook Lake	12-5-0	10
Jubilee Cup	Mick Greenway	RVS		9
Parfremment Cup	Mick Greenway	Petworth Park	32-0-8	10
Milliard Cup	Glen Riley	Bethwins	20-7-4	19
Daniels Cup	Steve Hanson	Coultershaw	2-10-0	10
Daniels Rose Bowl	Steve Hanson	Petworth Park	30-6-0	10
Presidents Cup	John Williams	Hurston Match	15-15-12	17
Pairs Tankard	Kevin Dowell / Steve Hanson	Stemps & Cart		18
LEC Cup	Keith Hughes	Chichester Canal	16-14-12	35
Kirby Bott Cup	Steve Speller	Watersfield	39-9-4	16
Pole Only	Paul Ward	Stemps & Cart	10-3-8	15
Moss Cup	Mike Kitchener	River Rother	13-15-4	30
Ottaway Cup	Mike Kitchener	Bernies Lake	23-6-0	
Bailiffs Trophy	Mike Kitchener	Bernies Lake	23-6-0	
Committee Cup	Phil Tubb	Bernies Lake	15-15-12	
Matchman Trophy	Vince Herringshaw			833
Aggregate Weight Trophy	Vince Herringshaw		168-3-0	
Club Champion	Keith Hughes			140
Specimen Cup	Nelson Keet	16-12-0 Barbel - River Arun		



# 21st Century Communications

**We are keen to utilise e-mail communication to keep in regular contact with our members but we need your help!**

In December 2013 we sent our first e-mailer out to members past and present. This was sent to around 530 addresses but we did get around 10% bounced back. We have taken a long time trying to get our system right so that our mails are not considered spam and hope that we have managed to reach those of you that have supplied e-mail addresses. We will be sending out two or three e-mail updates per year and would like to make sure that our address list is as accurate as possible.

We would be really grateful if you could very carefully fill in the e-mail address section on your membership form when you renew for the coming season.



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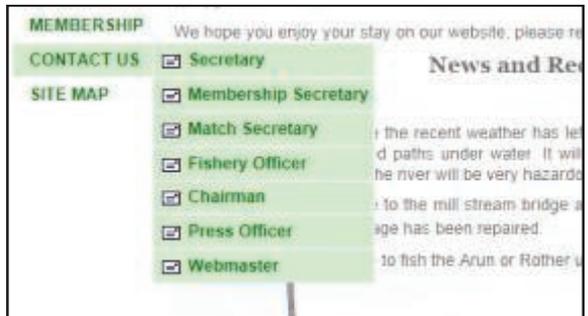
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An alternative way of ensuring that we have your e-mail address correctly is for you to drop us a quick mail via the website. Hover over contact us and you should get the drop down as per the screen grab to the right. Then click on 'Secretary' and this will automatically open up an e-mail message. Just drop us a quick line to say that you are confirming your address and would like to receive e-mail news from us and then send - simple!



We certainly think that communication via e-mailers is the way forward and look forward to compiling and sending out the first one for 2014. Of course if you have news that you would like to send us, feel free and hopefully we can include it.



# Our Rivers

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## River Arun - Watersfield

The river shows many facets along the one mile stretch at Watersfield. Depth and flow can vary greatly from swim to swim. In general terms the top section starts relatively shallow gets deeper and then shallows up again. The mid section is very difficult to fish due to a combination of reeds and low lying ground, although there are a few really interesting swims to be found. The lower section tends to dry out on the inside in places as the tide falls but find the deeper glides and you will be in to some serious fish. Virtually at the end of our stretch there is a gem of an inside line gravel run. Roach, dace and perch can be caught all through with bream liable to show virtually anywhere. We have always seen the odd chub and plenty of chublets but more recently anglers have been reporting bags of good chub from this stretch.



## River Arun - Stopham



This stretch of the Arun above Stopham bridge is approximately one mile long and although still tidal the conditions are quite different from Watersfield. We have had reports of excellent roach fishing with plenty of fish in the ½ to 1 lb bracket with specimens approaching 2lb there are good numbers of bream and chub as well. There are some good sized carp with fish to certainly 15lbs and quite possibly

better, we have not heard of any barbel on this stretch but there is nothing to suggest that they are not around. Of particular interest during the winter months is the size of pike with fish approaching 20lb.



# Our Rivers

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## River Rother - Coultershaw

Probably the most well known stretch of the Rother. This stretch of approximately one mile offers a rich variety of fishing. As well as the barbel for which it has become famous there are quality chub and bream on this stretch together with all the other species that you would expect with some fish at specimen or close to specimen size there are even a few double figure carp which give as good an account of themselves as the barbel.



## River Rother - Shopham

Immediately below Coultershaw and offering similar opportunities. There are fewer barbel on this stretch but more chub and this is probably our best water for grayling. The section is on the north bank both above and below Shopham bridge.. This stretch of the Rother can be fly fished but remember that we operate a strict catch and return policy.

**Note: Slight changes to fishable bank for 2014  
See Handbook for details**



## River Rother - Coates Castle

This is our longest section of the river running for approximately 2 miles on the south bank from Shopham bridge to just above Fittleworth bridge. The variety of fish on Coates is unusual with double figure carp, chub to 6 lb and bream to 8 lb being supported by a good head of roach, dace, grayling and gudgeon with the odd barbel as well.



## River Rother - Fittleworth

The lowest of our stretches and offering the north bank for just over a mile and approximately half a mile of the south bank.. There are plenty of chub, roach and dace to be caught with pockets of good bream all the way through the section..



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# Our Still Waters

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We have 10 individual waters on 6 venues ranging from the beautiful estate lake at Petworth Park to tranquil farm ponds at Bethwins and Stemps & Cart.

**Hurston Lane** Our Hurston Lane fishery has undergone a massive redevelopment and restocking programme over the last couple of years.



**Tench pond** A further stocking of tench was made at the end of 2012. These added to the crucian carp rudd and perch should ensure plenty of bites most of the year.



**Carp Pond** This was reopened at the back end of 2011 having been extensively restocked with a fine range of carp to 20lb. There is also a good head of rudd and big perch in this pond. We may need to close the lake for a couple of days in the late spring for weed removal. Look out for notices.

**Match Pond** The match pond has been extensively restocked over the last three years with carp and silver fish. If all goes to plan this should become our flagship mixed fishery. Catch reports would be appreciated so we gauge how the new stock has settled in.



**Chichester Canal** We enjoy several miles of fishing on the Chichester Canal. During the warmer months good mixed bags of roach, rudd, perch, tench and skimmers supplemented by the occasional large bream or carp can be taken from almost anywhere. In winter the fish tend to move up towards the canal basin and this becomes one of the prime spots as it remains ice free for all but the hardest winters. The basin is also particularly noted for its pike during the winter months.



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**Bethwins Farm** Situated near Chiddingfold, Bethwins Farm offers two attractive ponds in a tranquil setting surrounded by woods and farmland. The Lower Pond contains good sized carp to 15 lbs, together with a lot of perch The Upper Pond has a good stock of tench and some decent sized carp to 10 lb. This is a great spot for a day “away from it all” in beautiful un-spoilt surroundings.

## Stemps and Cart



Stemps Pond (left) is stocked with common carp, crucians, tench, roach, rudd and bream. Cart Pond (right) is stocked with carp, roach and skimmer bream. Both ponds provide good year-round sport!



**Petworth Park** This glorious 7 acre lake set in the picturesque grounds of the Petworth Park Estate holds a good stock of tench, bream, and crucian carp. Pole, waggler or feeder tactics all prove productive and with light but regular feeding mixed bags exceeding 70 lbs are not uncommon. Bream are generally in the 3 lbs to 6 lbs bracket with some fish approaching double figures, the tench go to 5lbs and crucians to 3lbs!



**The Granary** A lovely secluded lake set on farmland with a stock of mainly carp and rudd. The carp run from a few ounces to 20lb and rudd up to a pound have been caught.



# NOTICE OF AGM

The club will hold its Annual General Meeting  
at  
The White Swan, Chichester Road (A27) Arundel BN18 0AD  
on  
Thursday 20th November 2014  
at  
7.30 pm

Please submit any motions or matters for consideration in writing to The Club Secretary (address as per your handbook) by Thursday 30th October 2014

## Interested in Joining the Club

Fill out a membership form and send it with the appropriate fees and photos to;  
**Arun Angling, The Old Blacksmiths Yard, Water Lane Angmering BN16 4EP**

Or join on the spot at the following tackle shops;

Arun Angling, Angmering	01903 770099
SAS Chichester	01243 531669
Tropikoi Angling, Bognor	01243 842660

## Membership Fees for 2014 - 2015

Membership Type	Full Year	Half Year
Full Adult	£90	£56
Family (2 adults & 2 children)	£150	£94
Senior Citizen	£48	£30
Student	£48	£30
Registered Disabled	£48	£30
Junior (aged 13 - 16 inclusive)	£20	£10
Juvenile (aged below 13)	Free	Free
Associate (non fishing)	£2	£2
Life Membership (see page 9)	£1350	